

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, reappoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Coast Guard Academy—

the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) (from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation); and

the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) (At Large).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295(b) of title 46, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy—

the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) (from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation); and

the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) (At Large).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Michigan will be recognized for 1 minute. All other 1-minutes will be at the end of the day's business.

WELCOME TO THE REVEREND IRA COMBS, JR.

(Mr. SMITH of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join you in welcoming today's distinguished guest chaplain, Reverend Ira Combs, Jr., and thank him for leading the House in prayer. Reverend Combs is the founder and pastor of the Greater Bible Way Temple in Jackson, Michigan.

He started that church and now the congregation numbers over 1,000. Reverend Combs has built up his church to serve a growing congregation. He has received the Outstanding Young Men's Award from the National Jaycees and was named in the Marquis Who's Who in America and the Who's Who from the International Business Association, among some of his many awards.

Reverend Combs is distinguished by his love for people, desire to strengthen families and ability to motivate and cultivate those around him. His compassion for the less fortunate has led him to assist many needy families in and around Jackson while working tirelessly to serve his community and his State.

Reverend Combs continues to be a community leader in Jackson. I am proud to welcome him here today as our guest chaplain.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1646, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 138 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 138

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1646) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Except as specified in section 2 of this resolution, each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules out of the order printed, but not sooner than one hour after the Majority Leader or his designee announces from the floor a request to that effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL), pending which I yield myself such time as I

may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 138 is a structured rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 1646, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for fiscal years 2002 and 2003. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. It provides that no further amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the Committee on Rules report.

The rule provides that each amendment printed in the report shall be offered only in the order printed in the report except as specified in section 2 of the resolution. These amendments shall be offered by a Member designated in the report, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments.

Section 2 of the resolution allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to permit amendments printed in the Committee on Rules report to be considered out of the order printed provided that the majority leader or his designee announces such a request from the floor no sooner than 1 hour before its consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The authority provided in section 2 of the resolution will provide flexibility for the House during the lengthy consideration of this bill and the 26 amendments which have been made in order by the Committee on Rules.

In considering amendments, the Committee on Rules was as fair and open as possible, Mr. Speaker. Of the 71 amendments filed, several of which were duplicative or overlapping, this rule makes in order three bipartisan amendments, 13 Democrat amendments, and 10 Republican amendments. I believe this is a generous composition. I commend the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) and my colleagues on the Committee on Rules for reaching this balance.

I support this fair rule which brings forth very important bipartisan legislation authorizing appropriations for 2002 and 2003 for the Department of State, U.S. contributions to international organizations and commissions, international broadcasting activities, security assistance and for other purposes.

This bill authorizes appropriations for the State Department, thereby setting an upper limit on the amounts that may be appropriated in the Commerce-Justice-State and the Foreign